

REMARKS

Claims 39, 40, 42, 44, 47, 56, 57, 59, 61, 88, 89, 91 and 93 have been amended. Claims 39, 40, 42, 44-57, 59, 61-89, 91 and 93-108 are currently pending in the application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the original claims and other claims in this and other applications.

Claims 39, 40, 42, 44-57, 59, 61-89, 91 and 93-108 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. The rejection is respectfully traversed. The Office Action objects to the phrase “the largest address of unrecorded area” as vague. The claims have been amended to overcome the rejection. Claim 39 now recites “the largest end address of an unrecorded area among unrecorded areas in the second data area.” See, e.g., Specification at page 73, lines 16-24. Independent claims 40, 42, 56, 57, 59, 88, 89 and 91 have been similarly amended. Applicant respectfully request the rejection be withdrawn and the claims allowed.

Dependent claims 44, 61 and 93 have been amended to conform to the changes made to the respective independent claims 42, 59 and 91. Claim 47 has been editorially amended.

In view of the above, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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